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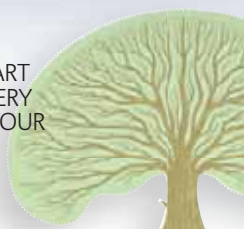
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## CALM BEFORE THE SWARM

A worker sweeps the floor inside the Halifax Farmers' Market on Thursday. Renovations got into full swing at the market this week and will be ongoing for the next couple of years to make the facility better for customers and vendors.

DEVAAN INGRAHAM/FOR METRO

And on the 7th  
day, there was  
St. Patrick's

## Weekend wahoo.

Main event still set  
for 17th, with some  
early celebrations on  
Saturday as well

## St. Party's

"St. Patrick's Day isn't something that we do.  
It's something that happens, and we just sort of  
manage it to the best of our ability."

Cheryl Doherty, Old Triangle owner

The usual solemn observances  
of the Lord's Day are set to be  
swept aside by a tidal wave of  
beer, whiskey and paper sham-  
rocks this weekend.St. Patrick's Day falls on  
a Sunday this year, but the  
owners of local watering holes  
say no one seems to be plan-  
ning a day of rest."The way people have been  
calling, I think we're going to  
be as busy as ever," said Durty  
Nelly's owner Joe McGuinness.Durty Nelly's, like the Old  
Triangle, will open at 7 a.m.  
for a traditional Irish breakfast,with live music and a whole lot  
of beer."St. Patrick's Day is our big-  
gest sales day of the year," said  
Old Triangle owner Cheryl  
Doherty. "We do a big break-  
fast, and we have our food  
menu, but it is really a drinking  
day for the most part."Doherty said the fact that  
the festival of "madness and  
mayhem" falls on a Sunday  
means door staff has to watch  
for revellers still going from  
Saturday night.She said churchgoers feel-  
ing twinges of guilt for skip-ping Sunday service should give  
themselves a break."In Ireland, you get a dispen-  
sation, because St. Patrick's al-  
ways falls in the middle of Lent,  
which is just a cruel joke," she  
laughed. "You get a day off Lent,  
officially, so I think we could  
probably do the same thing."Some of the more family-  
oriented events are taking  
place on Saturday. The annual  
St. Patrick's Day Parade will be  
held Saturday at 11 a.m., and  
the 23rd annual St. Patrick's  
Day Ceili is set for the same  
evening. **RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO**

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## A mother's crusade. Aims to increase pedestrian safety

It's been seven years since the tragic death of 16-year-old Mary-Beth Chaulk, and her mother says there's still far more to be done to keep pedestrians safe.

"There's never a point where you can say they've done too much," Tina Chaulk said Thursday.

Chaulk holds the For the Love of Mary-Beth blood-donor clinic every year to honour her daughter's crosswalk death, and said the publicity helps raise awareness for safety.

But she's quick to add more can be done.

"If this makes one person drive home safer, that's one person who may not die," she said.

Chaulk suggested a seminar added to existing driver's-education courses and holding school campaigns for pedestrian-safety awareness.

Mary-Beth was a student at Prince Andrew High School when she was killed.

"When I was a kid they came to schools every year with the mascots and emphasized stop, look and listen," said Chaulk.

Last year in HRM, there were four crosswalk deaths, and dozens of vehicle-pedestrian collisions.

Chaulk said it's impossible to hear about a pedestrian being hit in a crosswalk without thinking of her daughter.

"I'd love to walk out there and stop anybody else from going through that again," she said.

KAYLA WOODSIDE/FOR METRO



Tina Chaulk poses for a portrait at the Canadian Blood Services Clinic in Halifax on Thursday. DEVAAN INGRAHAM/FOR METRO

# Annual blood clinic helps family grieve

**For the Love of Mary-Beth event.** Mother says yearly clinic helps her deal with the death of her 16-year-old daughter, who was struck by a car in 2006

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Seeing your child dying in hospital, as Tina Chaulk did, is something no mother should go through.

But as difficult as it was, Chaulk is glad the blood trans-

### Quote

"It takes a community to raise a child and it really helps to have the community grieving with us."

Tina Chaulk

fusions given to her daughter Mary-Beth while in hospital gave the family more time to say goodbye.

"We could spend precious time with her," Chaulk said.

She estimates it was about 14 hours in total, enough time to donate 11 of her organs.

Mary-Beth, 16, was struck and killed on March 12, 2006, on a marked crosswalk in Dartmouth. Chaulk and her

family have hosted the For the Love of Mary-Beth blood clinic every year since.

Chaulk said the clinic helps people in need of transplants or being treated for a severe illness, and gives families more time with their loved ones.

She said it also helps keep Mary-Beth's spirit alive.

"It's a bit of a support group for all of us," Chaulk said inside the Halifax Blood Donor

Clinic at Bayers Road Centre.

The one-day clinic gets hundreds of donors every year, each giving three units of blood.

The annual clinic always brings in new and old friends to give back to the community.

One of those on hand Thursday was Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Konrad Abeltshauser.

Members of team come down each year to volunteer for the clinic. Abeltshauser also helped out four years ago and was back to show support on behalf of the team.

"We're here to thank the donors," he said.

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# Expect better flow, more seating at farmers' market after renos

**Seaport.** Full redesign will take a few years, says executive director



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Shoppers may notice some changes around the Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market this weekend, but executive director Julie Chaisson says they're all positive.

The living wall of plants has been taken down, and eventually the trees and central staircase will follow to make room for a garage-door entrance.

"The glass will open up in the summer and we can have seating spill right out on the boardwalk; products spill on the boardwalk. So it really, really is going to be a pretty

neat place," Chaisson said Thursday.

"It won't be done this weekend, but we did the base work for it this week by removing some things from the market."

Chaisson said a consultant was hired last year to survey vendors and the public about what they loved about the space or things they would like to change, which fed into a repositioning plan.

"They wanted better flow and more public seating," said Chaisson, noting the central staircase will be removed because it was narrow and created a bottleneck in the crowd.

Two staircases with bleacher seating will instead be built

perpendicular to one another, Chaisson said, improving on a favourite place to eat.

"We're just providing them with a really cool place to sit that has proper seating for them, and then that will free up the stairs so that people can go freely up and down them," she said.

A standup bar will also be installed along the top floor, flanked on the sides by long counters with stools where people can have lunch.

The Halifax Port Authority-funded renovations are expected to take a few years, but Chaisson hopes to have the entrance done this year.

Vincent Vandenbrink, a partner at Breakhouse, said this phase of design will be in the "low" hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Vandenbrink said public-consultation meetings about the market's design will begin in April.




Construction worker Marshall Clayton polishes a newly poured section of floor at the Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market on Thursday. DEVAAN INGRAHAM/FOR METRO

## Vendors

# 300

The number of market vendors last year




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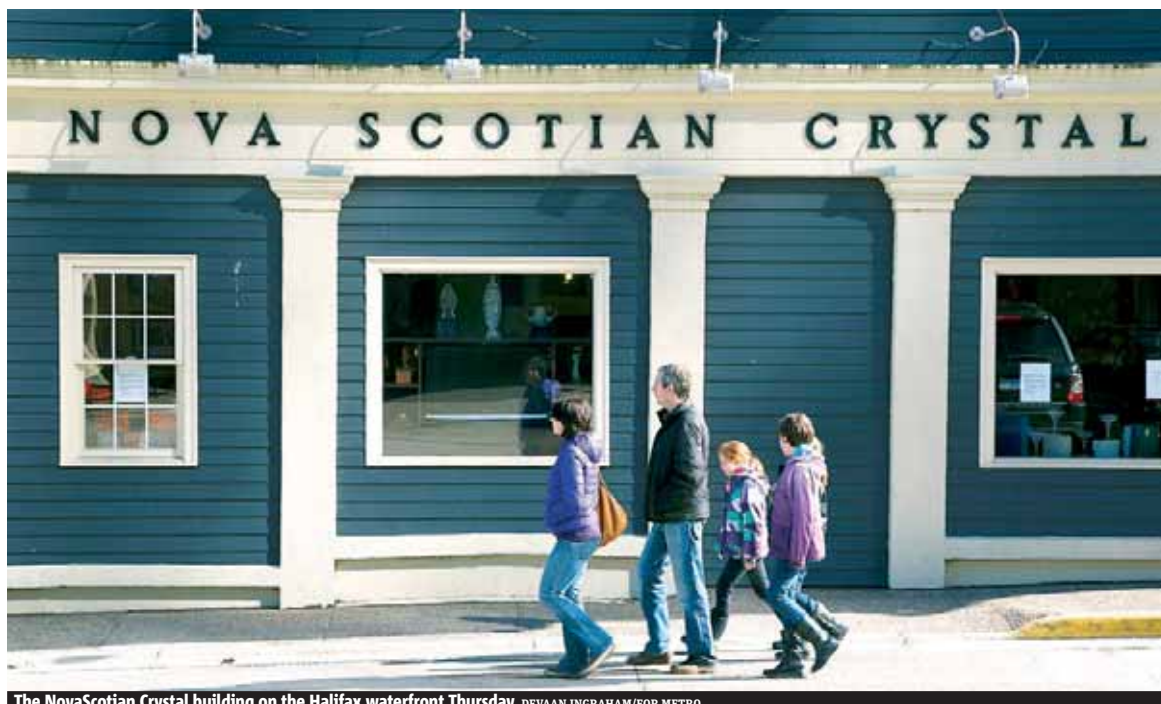
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The NovaScotian Crystal building on the Halifax waterfront Thursday. DEVAAN INGRAHAM/FOR METRO

# Co-founder steps up to buy NovaScotian Crystal

**Halifax icon.** A release states annual sales are worth \$3.5 million



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One of Halifax's most iconic local businesses has been rescued from potential closure.

NovaScotian Crystal announced Thursday that co-founder Anne Campbell had agreed to buy the enterprise, which has been operating under creditor protection for the last four weeks.

## Quoted

**"It's a great team of people and a great brand, and I'm happy to accept the torch from Rod."**

Anne Campbell, co-founder and new buyer of NovaScotian Crystal

"I feel great, because I believe in the dream that Dennis has started, and Anne actually had something to do in starting, and I've had something, and now it's going to continue. So I feel good about all that," said CEO Rod McCulloch.

The crystal maker owes \$2 million to creditors and was placed in receivership in late February.

The announcement of the pending closure caused an outpouring of support for the country's only mouth-blown, hand-cut crystal maker, which employs about 40 people in its waterfront operation.

Customers swamped the store to snap up the glittering glasses, bowls and vases after learning of the pending shut-down.

But Campbell, who helped create the company in 1996, said her purchase isn't based on emotion.

"It was a business decision," she said. "I was not seeking an opportunity, but it was definitely a business decision."

A release from NovaScotian Crystal states annual sales are worth \$3.5 million. Campbell said she's confident about the company's prospects, and confirmed she's not planning any major changes or job cuts.

"Not at this time," she said. "Our deal will close on the second of April and I hope we'll be making crystal on the third."

## Moose fans gobbling up first-round playoff tickets

Around 8,000 tickets have been sold for each of the Halifax Mooseheads first two-playoff games.

About two-dozen people were lined up at the Halifax Metro Centre box office when tickets went on sale to the general public at 9 a.m. Thursday for Game's 1 and 2, which will take place March 22 and 23.

The Mooseheads don't know who they are playing in the first round — it will either be the Saint John Sea Dogs or Sherbrooke Phoenix.

Brian Urquhart, the team's vice-president of business

operations, said they are very happy with how sales went Thursday morning, especially considering it's only the first round and the team doesn't know who they're playing yet.

The first fan started lining up to get tickets at the Metro Centre at 5 a.m.

Big crowds have been nothing new for the Mooseheads this season. The team is averaging a record 8,567 fans per game, a figure that will increase this weekend with two games left in the regular season.

There are only about 1,000 tickets left for Friday's game



Fan Allison Schnre, 18, displays her tickets outside the Metro Centre box office on Thursday. DEVAAN INGRAHAM/FOR METRO

against the Sea Dogs at the Metro Centre, and Sunday's season finale against the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles is sold out.

The previous record for average attendance came during the 1999-2000 season when Halifax drew 8,454 fans per game. PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO



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# Former N.S. minister denies assistant's fraud allegations

**Defence testimony.** Russell MacKinnon is first politician to contest charges in spending scandal

A former politician charged in Nova Scotia's spending scandal is denying testimony that he offered a financial incentive to an employee to buy his car.

Russell MacKinnon testified in his defence Thursday, saying he did not offer a \$3,000 bonus to Nicole Campbell in October 2005 to buy his car, a Dodge Intrepid.

Campbell, who did secretarial work for MacKinnon from January 2005 until June 2006, testified earlier this week that he had.

MacKinnon said he instead wanted to top up her salary because she was earning less than other staffers who worked for other legisla-

ture members.

He said there was no deal made whereby he would give her a bonus if she agreed to buy his car.

MacKinnon, a former Liberal cabinet minister, has pleaded not guilty to fraud, breach of trust and uttering forged documents.

He is one of four politicians charged in February 2011 following an investigation by the province's auditor general into constituency allowance spending. He is the first to contest the charges.

Two of the three other politicians charged have been sentenced.

Former Liberal Dave Wilson was sentenced last April after admitting to defrauding the public purse of nearly \$61,000. He was released from custody in August after serving four months of a nine-month sentence.

Richard Hurlburt, a former Progressive Conservative cabinet minister, was

## Blank expense receipts

- Russell MacKinnon also denied Nicole Campbell's testimony that he had her sign blank expense receipts before they were submitted.

- "No, never," he said.

- When asked whether he ever personally benefited from any of the transactions, MacKinnon replied, "No. In fact, I lost."

sentenced last July to a year of house arrest after pleading guilty to charges of fraud and breach of trust.

Independent member Trevor Zinck is charged with theft over \$5,000, fraud over \$5,000 and breach of trust. He is to go to trial in June.

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Russell MacKinnon outside court on Wednesday during a break in his trial. DEVAAN INGRAHAM/FOR METRO

## New most-wanted list again includes man wanted for murder



Andrew Jason Hudder, left, and Steven Douglas Skinner are both wanted by police. HALIFAX POLICE HANDOUT

Police are asking for the public's help in turning up the heat on wanted criminals in Halifax.

The High Risk Enforcement Action Team (HEAT) has released a list of 10 individuals on outstanding warrants, including for murder and attempted murder.

"With any of them there's always a possibility for danger," said Const. Dianne Woodworth of the

Halifax Regional Police.

"We don't want the public to approach these people or say, 'Hey you, I saw you.' Just use caution and call us and allow us to do our jobs."

On the list again is Steven Douglas Skinner, who is wanted on a Canada-wide warrant for second-degree murder in connection with the shooting death of Stacey Adams in April 2011.

Marie-Josée Campion,

wanted for assaulting a peace officer and failure to comply with conditions, has been on lists in the past as well.

Also on the list is Andrew Jason Hudder, a known associate to Halifax crime figure Jimmy Melvin Jr., who is wanted on a Canada-wide warrant for attempted murder in a drive-by shooting of a Halifax taxi last November.

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## Heat List

Go to [halifax.ca/police/Heat-List/](http://halifax.ca/police/Heat-List/) to view the full list.

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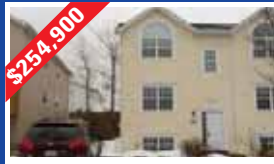
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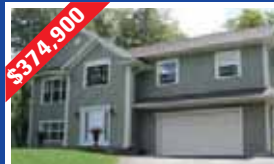
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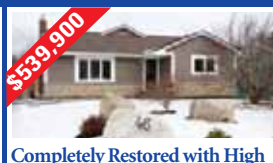
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## New Zealand. Drought taking toll on farmers

Dairy farmer John Rose has sent more than 100 of his cows to the slaughterhouse over recent weeks as a severe drought browned pastures in New Zealand's normally verdant North Island.

He said it was necessary to thin his herd so that his remaining 550 cows have enough to eat.

The drought is costing farmers millions of dollars each day and is beginning to take a toll on the country's economy. Parts of the North Island are drier than they've been in 70 years and some scientists say the unusual weather could be a harbinger of climate change. There has been little significant rainfall in the northern and eastern parts of the country since October.

Farmers estimate the drought has so far cost them

### More to come

James Renwick, a climate scientist at Victoria University of Wellington, said New Zealanders should expect more summers like the current one due to global warming.

about 1 billion New Zealand dollars (\$820 million) in lost export earnings with the damage rising daily as they reduce their herds, which in turn results in lower milk production.

Farming, and dairy cows in particular, drives the economy in the island nation of 4.5 million and the drought is expected to shave about a percentage point off economic growth.

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### Environment

## Polar bears could be turning brown

How polar bears got their white coat remains a scientific mystery, but new research suggests a way they could turn brown again.

As climate change reduces sea ice and changes the habitat of some polar bears, they are starting to look more like their southern cousins, said Beth Shapiro, one of the study's authors.

"We've seen that polar bears are hybridizing with brown bears now, at the edge of their range in Canada," she said.

"It means if we destroy all their habitat, and the only habitat that's left for polar bears looks like brown-bear habitat, then they're just going to hybridize with brown bears."

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# Physicists close to proving existence of 'God particle'

## Building block of universe. Discovery would be contender for Nobel Prize

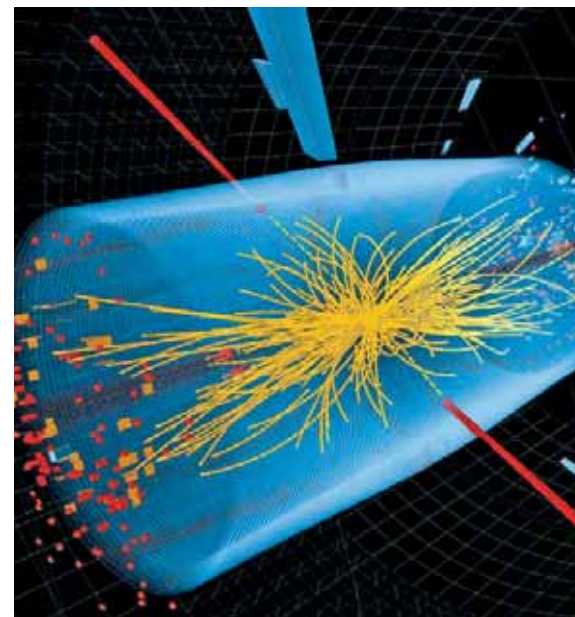
The search is all but over for a subatomic particle that is considered a crucial building block of the universe.

Physicists said Thursday they believe they have discovered the subatomic particle predicted nearly a half-century ago, which will go a long way toward explaining what gives all matter in the universe size and shape.

The elusive particle, called a Higgs boson, was predicted in 1964 to help fill in our understanding of the creation of the universe, which many theorize occurred in a massive explosion known as the Big Bang.

The particle was named for Peter Higgs, one of the physicists who proposed its existence, but it later became popularly known as the "God particle."

The discovery would be a strong contender for the Nobel Prize. Last July, scientists at the European Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN, announced finding a particle they described as



The European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) says it believes it has found a version of what is popularly referred to as the "God particle," which explains what gives matter its shape. CERN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Higgs-like, but they stopped short of saying conclusively that it was the same particle or was some version of it.

Scientists have now finished going through the entire set of data.

"The preliminary results with the full 2012 data set are

magnificent and to me it is clear that we are dealing with a Higgs boson, though we still have a long way to go to know what kind of Higgs boson it is," said Joe Incandella, a physicist who heads one of the two main teams at CERN.

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# Pope Francis puts humility on display

**First day.** The new Pope eschews the ceremonial trappings of his predecessor

Pope Francis put his humility on display during his first day as pontiff on Thursday, stopping by his hotel to pick up his luggage and pay the bill himself in a decidedly different style of papacy than his tradition-minded predecessor, who tended to stay ensconced in the frescoed halls of the Vatican.

The break from Benedict XVI's pontificate was evident even in Francis's wardrobe choices: He kept the simple iron pectoral cross of his days as bishop and eschewed the red cape that Benedict wore when he was presented to the world for the first time in

2005 — choosing instead the simple white cassock of the papacy.

And in his first mass as pope, Francis showed how different he would be as a pastor, giving an off-the-cuff homily about the need to walk with God, build up His church and confess — at one point referring to children building sandcastles on the beach.

It was a far simpler message than the dense, three-page discourse Benedict delivered in Latin during his first mass as pope in 2005.

The difference in style was a sign of Francis's belief that the Catholic Church needs to be at one with the people it serves and not impose its message on a society that often doesn't want to hear it, Francis's authorized biographer, Sergio Rubin, said in an interview on Thursday.

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What's in a face: Mexico-based facial-communication psychologist Miriam Cervantes Rodriguez analyzes the new pontiff's visage

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## Eyebrows

**Observer.** Close to the eyes, which denotes that he keeps himself focused, with sustained attention. Very observant.

## Eyelashes

**Apprehensive.** Small and thin. Indicate nervousness.

## Ears

**Analytical.** Low, large and open: Key for decision-making that requires repeated analysis of information. Has a lot of physical energy.

## Chin

**Intense.** Shows its intensity to achieve objectives; does not cave to pressure and can be aggressive if necessary.

## Frontal sinuses

**Innovative.** Shows rich imagination, ingenuity and initiative. Creative, active, selective and, in general, of optimistic nature.

## Irises

**Emotional.** Wide, a lot of expression in the eyes, which signifies an openness to emotional exchange.

## Mouth

**Discreet.** Large with thin lips. Denotes the gift of the word, great charisma and discretion when talking about personal matters.

## Jawline

**Strong.** Large and reflects that the Pope is faithful to his principles and tends not to bend his attitude to new ideas.



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## Florida

## Unpopular driving law repealed

Legislators in Florida have approved a bill repealing a law from last year that requires foreigners visiting the state to have international driving permits.

The bill passed unanimously in the Florida House on Wednesday and now goes to the Senate, where it is expected to

pass as well.

Under the law that quietly took effect in January, foreign drivers who didn't have the \$25 permit that translates licence information into English could have been charged with driving without a licence.

But as the law prompted a flurry of indignant reaction in mid-February, much of it from Canadians, the state highway department learned that the permit requirement violated an international driving treaty.

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## U.S. Senate

## Assault-weapons ban likely to get kiboshed

A U.S. Senate committee approved an assault-weapons ban Thursday but the proposal is likely to fail in the full Senate. The ban also stands little chance in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives.

The Democrat-led

Judiciary Committee approved the ban on a 10-8 vote with all Republicans against it.

The United States has the highest number of gun owners in the world. The assault-weapons ban is one of the most controversial of the gun restrictions being considered in Congress. Its foes say law-abiding citizens should not lose their constitutional right to own the weapons, which they say are popular for self-defence, hunting and collecting.

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The NFL says that questions about a prospective player's sexual orientation are contrary to the league's policy and violate the player's rights. GETTY IMAGES FILE

## NFL urged to look into alleged sexual orientation queries

### N.Y. attorney general speaks out. NFL

spokesperson says discrimination is not tolerated in the league

New York state's top legal official asked the NFL on Tuesday to investigate whether potential players were improperly asked about their sexual orientation during the league's annual skills exhibition for incoming college players, which he said is illegal in New York.

Attorney General Eric Schneiderman asked National Football League Commissioner Roger Goodell to schedule a meeting on the matter.

"We ask that the league immediately issue a statement that any form of discrimination or harassment on the basis of sexual orientation by league teams or players against potential recruits or players constitutes a violation of state, local and, in some cases, contractor law and will not be tolerated," Schneiderman said in a letter dated Thursday and released to news organizations.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the league was already looking into the issue and would discuss it at its meeting next week in Phoenix.

"Like all employers, our teams are expected to follow applicable federal, state and local employment laws," the NFL said in a Feb. 27 statement. "It is league policy to neither consider nor inquire about sexual orientation in the hiring process. In addition, there are

### 'Do you have a girlfriend?'

"(Teams) ask you, like, 'Do you have a girlfriend?' 'Are you married?' 'Do you like girls?'" said Colorado tight end Nick Kasa last month during an ESPN Radio interview.

- Since then, Michigan's Denard Robinson and Michigan State's Le'Veon Bell have both indicated that they were asked similar questions.

specific protections in our collective bargaining agreement with the players that prohibit discrimination against any player, including on the basis of sexual orientation."

It concluded: "Any team or employee that inquires about impermissible subjects or makes an employment decision based on such factors is subject to league discipline."

Schneiderman reminded Goodell that discrimination based on sexual orientation is illegal in New York and in at least 23 other states where the NFL's 32 teams are based.

In February, DeMaurice Smith, the head of the NFL Players Association, said in a statement that "I know that the NFL agrees that these types of questions violate the law, our CBA and player rights."

There has never been an openly gay player in any of North America's major pro sports leagues, though a few athletes have come out after retirement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Go way back with Mitochondrial DNA



A researcher at the lab at Lakehead University's Paleo-DNA laboratory.  
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## Who can benefit from mtDNA?

The answer may surprise you.

- It's not just living people who can have mtDNA testing done. The Paleo-DNA laboratory at Lakehead University is often tasked with testing degraded archeological material dug up at ancient burial sites around the world.
- Stephen Fratpietro, the lab's technical manager, said because mtDNA is the most

plentiful type of DNA, it is usually all that's left to answer many of the questions archeologists have about their discoveries.

- "The mitochondrial DNA can tell us whether the two individuals found in the same burial are related maternally or not ... and we kind of tell roughly where these people originated from in the world," he explained.

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Digging through family records and talking to grandpa are good sources for starting a family tree. But to go a little further back — say 100,000 years — everything you want to know is already inside of you.

Well, it's in your mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), to be more precise, and researchers at Lakehead University's Paleo-DNA laboratory in Thunder Bay, Ont., can use it to trace lineage way, way back.

"We deal with deep ancestry here," explained Stephen Fratpietro, the lab's technical manager.

"Basically your mitochondrial DNA can date back anywhere from 10,000 years ago to 120,000 years ago ... so you can find out things like if you came right from Africa or somewhere in Europe.

"We're talking about hundreds of generations."

Because mtDNA is only passed down on the mother's side, Fratpietro explained it is perfect for DNA detectives like him to use for research.

By analyzing the mutations in mtDNA taken from a simple swab of the inside of the cheek, researchers can determine exactly how new or how old your genetics are, where in the world they come from and who you're related to.

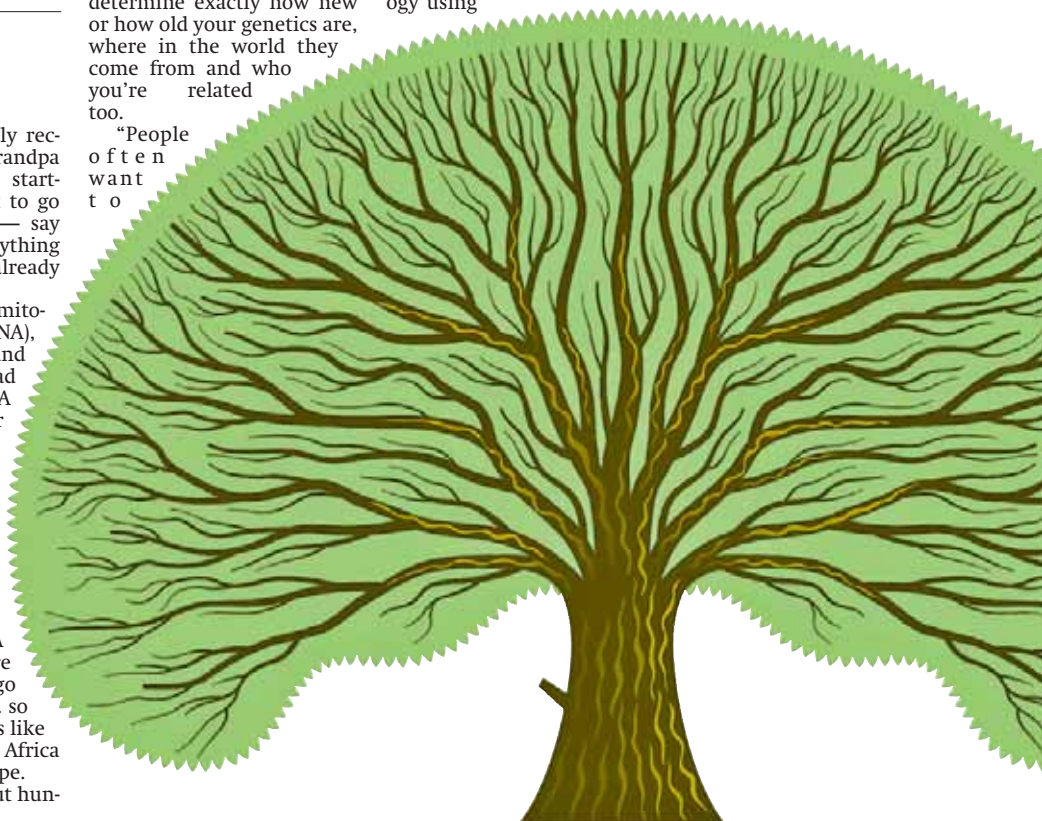
"People often want to

know where their genetics came from," said Fratpietro.

"If you're trying to figure out if you're related to a long lost relative, like a fifth cousin twice removed or something, you can try to establish a common maternal lineage through genealogy using

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## We tested three people to find out what their mtDNA would reveal. The results are in...

### Subject 1: Female

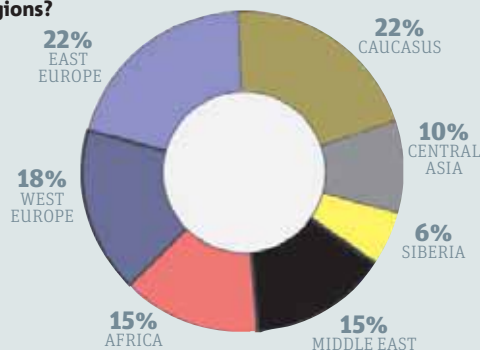
#### Why did you want to take part?

"I was adopted (OK, you've heard that before). I don't really know anything in terms of who created me or what my roots are — which clearly defines who I am today. Yes, I'm super curious! Culturally, this is also a factor. I'm half-Chinese and half-Caucasian (of some sort) and was adopted by Japanese people.

#### What the Paleo-DNA Laboratory discovered

Subject one belongs to haplogroup U3. Haplogroup U hypothetically first appeared about 55,000 to 60,000 years ago. Bryan Sykes, author of *The Seven Daughters of Eve* named the originator of this mitochondrial (mt) DNA haplogroup Ursula. Haplogroup U descended from Haplogroup R, which lived just after a second migration wave out of Africa, says the report. Haplogroup U has an extremely broad geographic distribution that ranges from Europe and North Africa to India and Central Asia due to numerous subsequent migrations. Although some members of haplogroup U migrated north into Scandinavia and others moved south into North Africa, most haplogroup U members stem from a group that moved northward out of the Near East, crossing the rugged Caucasus Mountains in southern Russia and moving on to the steppes of the Black Sea, then west to the present-day Baltic States and western Eurasia.

#### How frequently does the U haplogroup appear in different regions?



#### Subject 1's reaction

"Reading the results, I was very surprised to see that the majority of my DNA was not comprised as much from Asia as I initially thought. I've always thought I was a mix of just about everything but was surprised that it was mostly from eastern Europe and western Asia."

### Subject 2: Female

#### Why did you want to take part?

"I was adopted when I was young and I know almost nothing about my biological ancestors. Knowing where I came from would give me a better understanding of who I am."

#### What the Paleo-DNA Laboratory discovered

Subject two belongs to haplogroup J and subject three belongs to J2. This means they share a maternal ancestor somewhere in the very distant past. Haplogroup J theoretically first appeared in the Near East about 50,000 years ago.

Sykes named the originator of this mitochondrial (mt) DNA haplogroup Jasmine. Haplogroup J derives from the haplogroup JT, which also gave rise to Haplogroup T. Haplogroup J is associated with the Neolithic expansion, the first use of agriculture, into Europe approximately 12,000 to 10,000 years ago.

Groups of hunter-gatherers and subsistence fishermen had been occupying much of Eurasia for tens of thousands of years when a group of modern humans living in the Fertile Crescent (present-day eastern Turkey and northern Syria) began domesticating the plants, nuts and seeds they had been foraging about 10,000

#### Subject 2's reaction

"Since I'm adopted, I really had no expectations about what would be discovered, but I certainly did not expect to have any common ancestry with another person taking part in this story! I found it incredible how far back they were able to look. It was surprising to me that I have Arabian ancestry. I'd definitely not have guessed that."

#### Subject 3's reaction

It's a bit of a surprise that those with my genetic makeup are found primarily in the Middle East, specifically in Arabia where around 25 per cent of the Bedouin and Yemeni population belong to my genetic group. Although Pakistan, where I was born, isn't that far off geographically speaking, it means somewhere down the line my ancestors migrated to South Asia. I wouldn't blame them. We got the best mangoes.

### Subject 3: Male

#### Why did you want to take part?

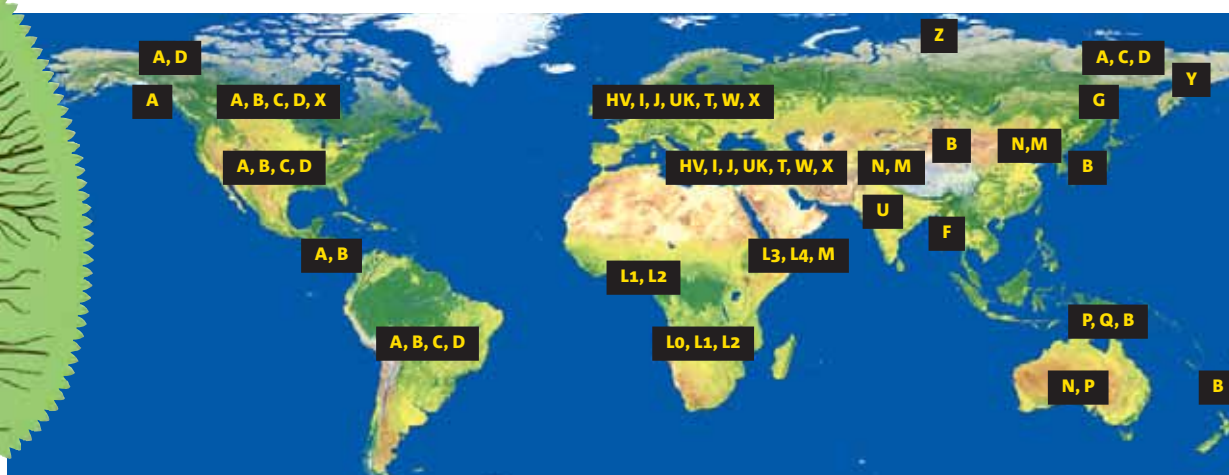
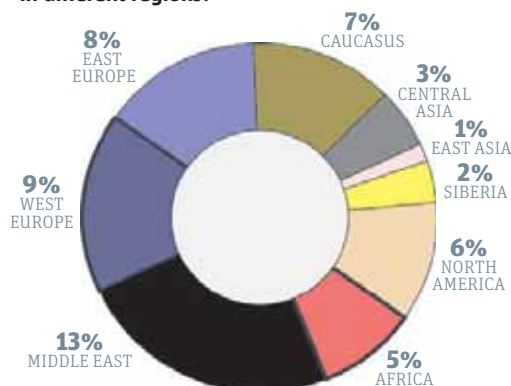
"I was born in a part of the world where there were people coming in from various empires over various time periods. It's a jambalaya of Arabs, Indians, Iranians, Mongolians and a plethora of other people. I always wanted to figure out what mix I came from."

years ago, the report adds.

Haplogroup J's most recent common ancestor likely made their homeland around the Levant, a coastal region in what is now Lebanon. The highest frequency of the haplogroup is found in Arabia where around 25 per cent of the Bedouin and Yemeni belong to this haplogroup.

The J1 subclade accounts for almost 70 per cent of the total J population. The J1 subclade occurs throughout the European continent including Britain. The J2 subclade is 10,000 years older than subclade J1. The J2 subclade is more localized along the Mediterranean and especially the Balkan Peninsula. J2 population are actually quite diverse and range from the Mansi and other Ob River populations in Western Siberia (10 per cent of the J2 population) to populations of Northern Iran (five per cent of the J2 population), adds the report.

#### How frequently does the J haplogroup appear in different regions?



## Where are they from? Distribution of major MtDNA haplogroups

### What is a haplogroup?

- A haplogroup is a category that is used to group similar mtDNA profiles.
- These profiles have common mutations in their DNA that make them similar to each other but different to other haplogroups.
- Haplogroups are classified in capital letters and can have subgroups which are denoted with numbers. For example L1, L2, L3.

### Exclusively online

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# Fired zookeeper wants his job back

**Calgary.** Staffer recounts being bitten, dragged after gorillas escaped into kitchen



Garth Irvine METRO FILE

Fired for leaving unlatched a door that allowed gorillas to enter an off-limits kitchen area, a former keeper with the Calgary Zoo says he plans to appeal to get his job back.

Garth Irvine had been in his role at the zoo for nearly 25 years, but last Friday morning he encountered a situation unlike any before.

Irvine entered a staff kitchen area next to the gorilla enclosure to find three female apes inside. He claims he moved quickly to usher them out of the area but in the process startled a roughly 455-pound silverback named Kakinga.

"He charged ... he pinned

me down, he gave me a small bite, he flipped me over and dragged me about six feet and then he ran away," Irvine told Metro in an exclusive interview.

Irvine then managed to radio for help. He estimates the situation was resolved in less than seven minutes.

But the zoo announced this week it was firing Irvine, who had also previously taken responsibility for leaving a knife

inside the enclosure in 2009 that was then picked up by a gorilla. A photo of the primate holding the knife near a fellow enclosure mate garnered international headlines, but a report later cleared the zoo of any wrongdoing.

Then, in 2010, Irvine also took the blame for an incident that saw two giant snakes slither down an uncovered drain. The pair were missing for nearly 24 hours.

Still, Irvine told Metro Thursday that in an environment with so many moving parts, mishaps are bound to happen. "I would say absolutely everyone does make mistakes."

And that's why Irvine said he is planning to kick-start an appeal process.

Irvine said he's also exploring other opportunities, including a possible career as a public speaker.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY

# Canada out of UN's top 10 most-developed countries

Canada has slipped out of the top 10 countries listed in the annual United Nations human-development index — a far cry from the 1990s, when it held first place for most of the decade.

The 2013 report, which reviews a country's performance in health, education and income, places Canada in 11th place versus 10th last year.

A closer look shows Canada actually did better than last year, but other countries such as Japan and Australia im-

proved at a greater rate.

When the numbers are adjusted for gender inequality, Canada slumps to 18th place. The U.S. fares even worse — sinking from third to 42nd.

But the main finding of the report, entitled The Rise of the South, is positive. It says countries that had previously struggled with poverty and inequality are now on a steady developmental climb.

Even those at the bottom of the list, Niger and the Democratic Republic of Congo, are



Canada is in 11th place on the UN's index. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

among those who showed the greatest improvement.

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## Syrian civil war. Assad preparing to use chemical weapons: Israeli chief

Israel's military intelligence chief says Syria's embattled president, Bashar al-Assad, is preparing to use chemical weapons.

Maj. Gen. Aviv Kochavi told a security conference in the coastal town of Herzliya that Assad is stepping up his offensive against rebels trying to oust him.

Kochavi claims Assad is making advanced preparations to use chemical weapons, but has not yet given the order to deploy them.

He did not disclose information about why he thinks Assad is preparing to use them.

Israel has long expressed concerns that Assad's stockpile of chemical weapons could end up in the hands of groups hostile to Israel like Hezbollah or al-Qaida in-



Syrian President Bashar al-Assad  
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spired organizations.

Israel has kept out of Syria's civil war, but it is concerned that violence could spill over the border into northern Israel.

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## Bin Laden raid. Pakistani health workers accused of CIA collusion reinstated

A Pakistani court Thursday reinstated 17 health workers who were fired last year for allegedly participating in a CIA scheme to confirm the presence of Osama bin Laden in a town in northwest Pakistan, a defence lawyer said.

Lawyer Javed Awan said the court order affected 16 females and one male whom a government health department suspended last year for failing to inform authorities about Pakistani doctor Shakil Afridi's fake vaccination campaign. The health workers insist they did not know Afridi was work-

ing for the CIA.

The campaign aimed to collect blood samples from bin Laden's family to show that the al-Qaida leader was in the northern town of Abbottabad, where he was later killed in a U.S. raid in May 2011. Pakistan strongly protested the raid, considering it a violation of the country's sovereignty.

Awan said the 17 had been directed by senior health officials to participate in the vaccination campaign, and that they were innocent of wrongdoing.

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# Khmer Rouge co-founder dies

**War crimes.** Former foreign minister of brutal regime was facing charges of genocide

Ieng Sary, who co-founded the communist Khmer Rouge regime responsible for the deaths of an estimated 1.7 million Cambodians in the 1970s, and who decades later became one of its few leaders to be put on trial, died Thursday before his case could be finished. He was 87.

Sary was the brother-in-law of late Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot. His death dashed hopes that he would be punished for his alleged crimes during the darkest chapter in his country's history.

Chea Leang, a co-prosecutor at the Cambodian-international tribunal that had been trying Sary, said he died of cardiac failure. The trial began in late 2011 with four defendants and now has only two.

Ieng Sary had suffered from high blood pressure and heart problems and had been admitted to a Phnom Penh hospital on March 4 with weakness and severe fatigue.

There are fears that the two remaining former Khmer Rouge leaders still on trial, both in their 80s, could also die before justice is served. Ieng Sary's wife, former Social Affairs Minister Ieng Thirith, also was charged but was ruled unfit to stand trial last year because she suffers from demen-



Cambodian military officials line up by pictures of the top Khmer Rouge leaders that include, on the far right, former Foreign Minister Ieng Sary, during a UN-backed war crimes tribunal in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in 2011. HENG SINITH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Unfinished business

"This trial was held 30 years too late."

Elizabeth Becker, author of *When the War Was Over*, a history of modern Cambodia

tia, likely Alzheimer's disease.

"We are disappointed that we could not complete the proceeding against Ieng Sary," tribunal spokesman Lars Olsen said, adding that the case against chief Khmer Rouge ideologist Nuon Chea and former head of state Khieu Samphan would not be affected.

Ieng Sary founded the Khmer Rouge with Pol Pot.

The regime, which ruled Cambodia from 1975 to 1979, claimed it was building a pure socialist society by evicting people from cities to work in labour camps in the countryside. Its radical policies led to the deaths of an estimated 1.7 million people from starvation, disease, overwork and execution.

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### Khmer Rouge rise

The Khmer Rouge came to power through a civil war that toppled a U.S.-backed government.

- Sary then helped persuade hundreds of Cambodian intellectuals to return home from overseas to help the new regime.
- The returnees were arrested and put in "re-education camps," and most were later executed.



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# PKP steps aside as Quebecor CEO

**Media.** Péladeau will still guide corporate strategy, and remain Quebecor Media chair

The high-profile and sometimes controversial CEO of Quebecor Inc. is stepping down to have more personal time, but Pierre Karl Péladeau will still have influence over his company's corporate strategy.

Péladeau, known by his nickname PKP in French and English, will remain as chairman of one of its main subsidiaries, Quebecor Media. That division includes newspapers hit by weak advertising and recent layoffs and will require some of his attention to improve it.

Péladeau said he will provide advice and leadership on strategic projects "vital" to the media and telecom company, but also cited family and phil-



Pierre Karl Péladeau, known as PKP, will no longer be CEO of media giant Quebecor Inc. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

anthropy as reasons for stepping down.

"Because one cannot be a part-time CEO, I have decided to retire from this position and devote my life to other pursuits," he told a conference call

## Quoted

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Outgoing Quebecor Inc. CEO Pierre Karl Péladeau, speaking on a conference call after the company released its quarterly results Thursday.

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His executive duties will be taken over by Robert Dépatie, who has been president and CEO of Quebecor's cash-generating Videotron cable and Internet service since 2003.

Becoming more involved with philanthropic activities is something his late father would support, Péladeau said.

"My dad used to say when you receive so much in life, you must give back even more."

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## Market Minute

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**Natural gas:** \$3.83 US (+15¢)  
**Dow Jones:** 14,539.14 (+83.86)

## Free trade negotiations

### Harper, Ayrault tout progress on Canada-EU deal

"Considerable progress" has been made towards a free trade deal between Canada and the EU, but there are still outstanding issues that must be settled before an agreement can be finalized, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday during a visit to Ottawa by French Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault.

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## Going after Big Tobacco

### Court reapproves landmark ruling on smoking lawsuits

The Florida Supreme Court has decided not to upset its own 1996 landmark "Engle" decision that makes it easier for thousands of sick smokers or their survivors to pursue lawsuits against tobacco companies. The court reapproved the decision as it affirmed a \$2.5-million US jury verdict in the death of smoker Charlotte Douglas.

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## Ottawa. Flaherty to table budget on March 21

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty will deliver the federal budget on March 21, a plan that is expected to be an exercise in restraint as the minister remains focused on his goal of balancing the books by 2015.

Coming at a time of anemic economic growth, the budget is likely to stay the course of fiscal restraint, without any goodies.

But Flaherty downplayed the slower-than-expected economic growth Thursday as he announced the budget date. "It's an interim concern, it's not a long-term concern in terms of real GDP growth and, as you know, our target is to balance the budget in 2015," the minister said.

Real GDP grew at an annualized rate of just 0.6 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2012, suggesting the economy stalled in the second half of last year.

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## UK media scandal

### Cameron pushes own plan for press regulation

British Prime Minister David Cameron says he'll champion self-regulation for Britain's scandal-tainted press, bucking a key recommendation of his own media inquiry and setting up what might be a bruising confrontation with coalition colleagues. "I've chosen a practical solution over an unworkable solution," he said.

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# Samsung turns up the heat with new iPhone challenger

## Smartphone wars.

Galaxy S4 boasts larger screen and new ways to interact with device

Samsung Electronics is ratcheting up its rivalry with Apple with its new Galaxy S4 smartphone, which has a larger, sharper screen than its predecessor, the bestselling S III.

Samsung trumpeted the much-anticipated phone's arrival Thursday at an event in New York City accompanied by a live orchestra, while an audience of thousands watched the theatrics unfold on a four-level stage.

Summoning up a touch of Broadway, Samsung employed 17 actors to demonstrate the new phone's features in a series of scripted vignettes.

The Galaxy S4, which crams a five-inch screen into a body slightly smaller than the S III's, will go sale in the U.S. sometime between the end of April and the end of June.

All told, Samsung plans to offer the Galaxy S4 through 327 carriers in 155 countries, giving it a wider reach than Apple's iPhone 5.

Samsung didn't say what the phone will cost. JK Shin, the executive in charge of Samsung's mobile communications division, promised the money would be well spent for a "life companion" that will "improve the way most people live every day."

That bold promise set the tone for the kind of flashy presentation associated with the showmanship of Apple, the company that Samsung has been trying to upstage.

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People interact with the new Samsung Galaxy S4 on Thursday after it was revealed at an event in New York City.

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## Galaxy S4 features

While the S4 doesn't have eye tracking, as rumoured, it does have the following:

- A five-inch screen, an upgraded processor, and a battery 20 per cent larger than the S III's. Samsung didn't say if that translates into a longer battery life.
- Several new technologies to help users interact with the phone. For instance, the screen now senses fingers hovering just above it, and some applications react.
- Users can control some other applications by making gestures in the air above the phone. In the browser, you can command the screen to scroll up by swiping from top to bottom a few inches from the phone.
- The camera application can now use both the front and rear cameras simultaneously, inserting a small picture of the user even as she's capturing the scene in front of her.



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# COMPANY TATTOOED ON HIS SKIN

**1 Stompin' Tom memorial.** The likes of Sylvia Tyson, Dave Bidini, Adrienne Clarkson and Ken Dryden gave a farewell to remember at his public memorial Wednesday at the Memorial Centre in Peterborough, Ont., the city in which Connors received his Stompin' Tom moniker in 1967 during a King George Tavern gig. I was at the touching memorial, and it was one of those special patriotic nights I'll never forget.

**2 New Pope = Twitter frenzy.** Twitter went nuts Wednesday when white smoke billowed above the Vatican and Pope Francis was revealed. About 130 million tweets were sent after the announcement was made. Even the official papal twitter account, @pontifex, was reactivated that day, and the account has nearly two million followers.

**3 Bachelor finale.** It was the most dramatic Bachelor finale yet —or wait, it always is. Anyway, Sean was hot for teacher Lindsay but his heart was with Catherine, who accepted his proposal. The Bachelor has a spotty romantic track record, but this will work. It's the law of averages. Plus Sean and Catherine have decid-



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ed to marry on TV. They can't let millions of viewers wearing rose-coloured glasses down.

**4 Dare to Wear Gala.** This charity fashion runway event by Toronto designers/couple Chris Tyrell and Jim Searle raises money in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation in its fight against AIDS in Africa. It takes place March 22 and is the highlight of the Dare to Wear Love campaign and Toronto Fashion Week. Learn more at [daretowearlove.com](http://daretowearlove.com).

**5 @Stats\_Canada: The book.** One of my fave parody Twitter accounts, @Stats\_Canada, which tweets out awesome stats about Canada that aren't real but could be —e.g., “78% of Canadians are angry with someone, but will never show it” —is being adapted into a book. Stats Canada: Statire on a National Scale, by its anonymous creators, is out this fall. Ninety-one percent of Canadians will buy it.

**6 Small-town love/hate.** The Twitter account @smalltnwnprobs about life in a small town is a gem, with tweets like “You drove a tractor pretty much before you could walk,” “You run into your parents while skipping class” and “People don't use turn signals

cause you know where they're going.” And it's becoming a big-city hit, with 100,000-plus followers.

**7 Roll Up the Rim.** I always love this Tim Hortons promo, and for this campaign and all future ones they do, I decided that instead of using the winning coffee and doughnuts for myself, I can do better. All coffee and doughnuts I win will go to the homeless. So far, I've won four. Winning has never felt better.

**8 Real Hipsters of Vancouver.** A casting call has gone out for a pilot episode for a reality show called Real Hipsters of Vancouver. Its creators envision showing that hipsters aren't just slackers wearing plaid and drinking bad beer, but are ambitious, creative people wearing plaid and drinking bad beer while following a dream.

**9 Netflixed.** A man shared his love for the video-streaming service by getting a Netflix tattoo in honour of it. When he tweeted his tat to them, the company responded by giving the guy a free year of service. I'm going to get a logo of every company I'm paying bills to tattooed on my skin, tweet them pictures of it and see how much I can save.

**10 St. Patrick's Day.** It's St. Paddy's Day this Sunday. Have a great one.

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## ZOOM

# Observatory makes galactic find



**Stars found to be older than once thought**

The world's most powerful telescope (pictured at left) unveiled this week has already made its first discovery: Galaxies as bright as 40 trillion suns. The stars, seen by the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA) in Chile, started some 12.7 billion years ago when the universe was only one billion years old.

Experts already know that starbursts — bright periods of fast star creation — were more common in the early universe than today. But these groundbreaking images taken at an altitude of 5,000 metres on the remote Chajnantor Plateau in the Chilean Andes reveal that stellar birth occurred a full billion years earlier in the universe than previously thought.

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This montage combines data from ALMA with images from the NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope of five distant galaxies. The ALMA images, represented in red, show the distant background galaxies being distorted by the gravitational lens effect produced by the galaxies in the foreground, depicted in the Hubble data in blue. The background galaxies appear warped into rings of light known as Einstein rings, which encircle the foreground galaxies. ALMA

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**Bandcamp is an online store where fans can buy music directly from the artist, with the added bonus of allowing us to preview entire albums. It's a great model that has lured plenty of artists to set up shop there, including these Canadians:**

### Sean Nicolas Savage

This Montreal artist has a fairly robust selection of six albums to choose from, but none quite as dreamy as *Flamingo*. A light-as-a-feather collection of whispered ballads tailor-made for quiet mornings.

### White Lung

The tags on White Lung's page may be a bit intimidating, but there's nothing to fear if you happen to be a fan of slithering guitars, pummelled drums and an irresistible frontwoman.

### Bear Mountain

A sample-heavy dance party from Vancouver best enjoyed with a great pair of headphones and a sunny-day stroll.

### Letters

#### Best and worst of St. Paddy's Day

Like any kid who grew up in a predominantly Irish home, I was dragged to Irish dance classes and forced to wear a green ribbon in my curly locks. Make no mistake, I'm Irish.

Although I've always been proud of my heritage, I've only grudgingly endured the annual celebratory displays of it, cringing at the way every year “Irish” becomes simultaneously synonymous with “adorable wee folk” and “public urination.” Pot o' gold! Always after me Lucky Charms! Blah Blah blarney!

Because I love my family and I love my identity, in a way that has nothing to do with shamrock shakes and green beer or great throngs of people celebrating intoxication and cereal-box leprechauns. And I'm Irish enough to know that stupid stereotypes can Pog Mo Thoin!

According to legend, St. Patrick banished snakes from the rock and used a shamrock to teach the concept of the Holy Trinity. Maybe he can do something about the commercialization.

Anyway, Erin go braugh to ya.

Lisa Perry, Victoria, B.C.

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## Synopsis

For years Burt Wonderstone (Steve Carell) and Anton Marvelton (Steve Buscemi) ruled the Las Vegas strip with a magic show that made Siegfried & Roy look understated. But their dominance of Sin City's showrooms disappears when a David Blaine type, guerrilla street magician Steve Gray (Jim Carrey) starts a turf war in town. His daring act makes the glitter and glitz of their show look well past its sell-by date. To stay relevant Wonderstone and Marvelton stage their own daring stunt, which just may be their grand finale.

• Richard: ●●●●●

• Mark: ●●●●●

## Reel Guys

### RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Steve Carell, Steve Buscemi and Olivia Wilde star in *The Incredible Burt Wonderstone*. HANDOUT

# Where's the magic?

## The Incredible Burt Wonderstone. A

stellar cast and some funny moments aren't enough to keep an audience spellbound

**Richard:** Mark, I kept waiting for *The Incredible Burt Wonderstone* to pull a rabbit out of its hat and get really funny, and yet the rabbit never appeared. I fail to see how Jim Carrey, Steve Carell, Steve Buscemi and Alan Arkin can share a marquee and have the movie fall so flat. Each has a potentially great comedic character and the premise should have been ripe for parody, but instead we get an only occasionally amusing movie.

Was it a magical experience for you?

**Mark:** Actually, Richard, I smiled right through the movie, which I didn't expect because like all comedians, I hate magic. And I think the shots taken at both the overblown, wheezy Vegas magic productions, and the new, punk, Jackass-style magic were both very funny. The satire worked for me, the sentimentality less so. There are a lot of good showbiz jokes along the way, and I thought Jim Carrey was perfectly cast as the anything-for-a-thrill Chris Angel type. Richard, what did you think of Carrey?

**RC:** He was the highlight for me. No one plays controlled chaos like Carrey and I thought his increasingly self-

aggrandizing behaviour was the best thing in the movie. It was Carell that let me down. He's too likable an actor to pull off Wonderstone's egotistical, one-note womanizing act. The fake tan and mullet do some of the work, but it never feels real, and even less so when he falls into Woody Allen territory during his romantic redemption with a love interest 23 years younger. On top of that his gearshift down from narcissist to nice guy doesn't come off as anything but generic and predictable. Nothing magical about it.

**MB:** Absolutely right. And I felt the same way about Steve Buscemi. Olivia Wilde is just the affordable Megan Fox. But isn't it amazing how Alan Arkin can steal EVERY scene in EVERY movie he's in?

**RC:** I thought Buscemi and Wilde weren't really given enough to do to make any lasting impression. They play decent, nice people and in a movie like this, featuring raging egotists and insane illusionists, nice guys and gals do finish last. Arkin isn't given much to do either, although he does have a nice gag or two, but at least he remembered to pack his trademarked deadpan delivery in his bag of tricks.

**MB:** I didn't like the way the movie romanticized rootsy card tricks and sleight of hand as somehow more morally authentic than the glitzy Vegas magic. But I was still entertained enough to enjoy large parts of the movie, mostly in the first half.

# 2 SCENE

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## Thriller



## The Call

Director. Brad Anderson

Stars. Halle Berry, Abigail Breslin, Michael Eklund

When Casey comes to in the trunk of a car, the frantic teen (played by the terrific Abigail Breslin) does what most would — she calls 9-1-1. The call is the beginning of an intense cat-and-mouse game as dispatcher Jordan (Berry) tries to track Casey's abductor and save the girl's life. The film builds in intensity, as every passing moment could be Casey's last. But, like many Hollywood thrillers, the film will lose its captive audience when it ventures from the acceptable to the ridiculously far-fetched. **REGAN REID**

## Historical Drama



## A Royal Affair

Director. Nikolaj Arcel

Stars. Mads Mikkelsen, Alicia Vikander

Sumptuously designed and as thrilling as any contemporary Hollywood film, the Danish *A Royal Affair* — nominated for an Oscar for Best Foreign Film — is superlative filmmaking. In it, Mads Mikkelsen stars as Struensee, an enlightened country doctor circa late-1700s Denmark who is enlisted to be the soft-headed boy-king Christian IV's personal physician. Soon, Struensee is changing the church-run system from within, becoming a father figure to the king while engaging in an affair with the queen. **CHRIS ALEXANDER**

# Veronica Mars movie gets a \$2 million kick start from fans

**Dreaming big.** Show's creator Rob Thomas and star Kristen Bell break Kickstarter records for raising money to make feature film

**SAM CASTONE**  
Metro World News

How to make \$2 million in one day: Step 1: Create a beloved TV series, called *Veronica Mars*, starring Kristen Bell as a sassy teen detective. Step 2: End the show in its prime, leaving fans craving a movie version. Step 3: Wait eight years and put your movie idea on Kickstarter, the crowdfunding website, offering fans prizes for donating cash, used to complete said film. Step 4: Watch as the money rolls in — in less than 24 hours.

At press time, Bell and Mars creator Rob Thomas raised more than \$2.5 million, with money still coming. The film is a go, and shoots this summer.

"Holy cow, what a day," Thomas wrote his fans. "As of 4 a.m. CT, we're just over \$2.5 million. We couldn't be happier. We really couldn't. My wife says I'm insufferable, but she said that four days ago in anticipation of a day like today."

The campaign, launched Wednesday, broke records. It was the fastest Kickstarter project to raise \$1 million, much less \$2 million. It's the first studio-backed project to raise this much money (Warner Brothers owns the show). "Kristen and I met with the Warner Bros. brass, and they agreed to allow us to take this shot," Thomas wrote on the Kickstarter page. "They were extremely cool about it, as a matter of fact. Their reaction was, if you can show there's enough fan interest to warrant a movie, we're on board. So this is it."



Kristen Bell, who played Veronica Mars. HANDOUT

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## No Arkin magic

**"See, I don't give a damn anymore ... I'm going to die soon. It doesn't matter. I say anything that comes."**

"The magician came over to me on the first day and said we have to work. I said get away from me. Don't get anywhere near me. I said for me to learn what I'm supposed to do in this movie would have taken me four years. I said it's not going to happen. Just keep away from me. I said they'll do it in CGI and that's enough."

Alan Arkin on why he refused to learn any magic tricks for his role as an elderly magician in the new film *The Incredible Burt Wonderstone*.



# Sunscreen the law in the world of Jennifer Garner

**After Argo.** Star talks about her gown at the Oscars and how her hubby Ben Affleck stole the show

Jennifer Garner tries not to look at reviews of the outfits she wears because, inevitably, someone isn't going to like it. "It's not good for my self-esteem," she said Wednesday while in New York to open the Neutrogena Sun Summit.

The exception was after the Oscars last month. Garner's violet-coloured, custom-made Gucci gown was a winner – but that wasn't what she was looking for after husband Ben Affleck's film *Argo* won best picture. "I revelled in all those good pictures of him," she said.

Garner, a Neutrogena spokeswoman, practises what she preaches when it comes to sun safety. Her children make

sure of it.

In her household, sunscreen is like seat belts: non-negotiable. Garner said while she was away Wednesday, the kids surely would remind their dad if he dropped them at school without their daily slathering.

"I think I once told my kids it was against the law not to wear sunscreen," she said.

Garner's appearance was followed by a panel discussion that included dermatologists, a NASA scientist and Mexican actress Sandra Echeverria.

An eager science student growing up, Garner, 40, said the conference's terminology — and warnings — about the ozone layer and ultraviolet rays isn't lost on her. She joked, though, that she wouldn't want to be quoted on exactly what the Helioplex formulation is or what vitamin C can do for the skin.

But she had her “a-ha” moment about sun damage in her 20s, when she was out with friends. “They all had big hats



**Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck at the Oscars.** GETTY IMAGES

on and I didn't.

"Suddenly you look one day and the sun damage is there ... and then you see it increase exponentially."

She'll take little credit for that Oscar night look — calling it a team effort led by Rachel Zoe. The partnership between Zoe and Garner goes back more than a decade, with Garner as the stylist's first big Hollywood client.

"She knows I'm not going to

wear super-crazy fashion," said Garner. Where Garner leans toward comfort, Zoe goes for fancy—and "she usually wins."

Garner's outfit Wednesday — an Oscar de la Renta sheath dress and pointy-toe pumps in black patent leather — hit the right balance. In her casual style, Garner, wearing a smile, described the look as “just a little purple Oscar number.”

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# Bubl  has much bigger fish to fry

Michael Bubl  has sold millions of albums, but as he readies the release of his newest project, he's less concerned with his future sales, thanks to his wife's pregnancy.

"I'm nervous and excited, and truly I think it's given me great perspective," the singer said at the music video shoot for his new single, It's a Beautiful Day.

"I used to worry about how the single would do and how the record would sell. And the truth is, I love this record. I'm so proud of it. But, at the end of the day, if it sells 10 million or 10 copies, I've got bigger fish to fry," he continued. "I've got a wife and a kid I love very much."

Bubl  married Argentine actress Luisana Lopilato in 2011. They



Michael Bubl  has a new baby and a new album on the way.  
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announced in January they're expecting their first child.

Most of Bubl 's albums have reached multi-platinum status, and his last three releases have hit number one on the Billboard 200

albums chart, including the triple platinum Christmas, the second bestselling album of 2011 behind Adele's 21.

His new album, To Be Loved, will be released April 23. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Proto-punks to proto-supergroup to ... protozoa?



**SOUND CHECK**  
Alan Cross  
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Iggy Pop, Sound City Players and Marine Bugs are highlighted in this week's Sound Check



### Burn/Iggy and the Stooges

They were making punk rock a decade before anyone knew what to call it. The surviving Stooges return in April with just their fifth album in 46 years.



### Mantra/Sound City Players

One of my favourite parts of Dave Grohl's Sound City documentary was watching him, Josh Homme and Trent Reznor write a song together in the studio. This is the final result.



### Blues for Elle/Some little marine microbes

They've dubbed the sound "microbial bebop." It's surprisingly like modern jazz.

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# A tale of two Snoops: he'll always be a Dogg deep down, even as a Lion

**Reincarnated.** Hip hop star talks about why he put down the Dogg and responds to critics who say the move is just a gimmick

Snoop Lion won't fire back at critics who say his backing of the Rastafari movement is simply another gimmick from one of hip hop's savviest self-marketers. But Snoop Dogg will.

Reggae pioneer Bunny Wailer is the most notable skeptic. Wailer bestowed the Lion name on Snoop, but has since repeatedly questioned the 41-year-old rapper's intentions and commitment to Rasta ideology.

Asked to respond, Snoop's face registered a flash of malice followed by a devilish smile: "If I was Snoop Dogg: 'Expletive) Bunny Wailer.'



Snoop Lion poses for a portrait at the Westlake Recording Studios in Los Angeles. JORDAN STRAUSS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

But I'm Snoop Lion right now, so I'm chilling," he said.

He is using the name to release a reggae- and dancehall-focused album, Reincarnated. Produced by Major Lazer — which includes DJ-producer Diplo — it features guests ranging from

Chris Brown and Drake to Jamaica's Mr. Vegas and Mavado.

While promoting an accompanying documentary that tracks his trip to Jamaica and exploration of Rasta culture, Snoop makes it clear that his Lion persona

is less a drastic transformation than part of ongoing personal growth.

With his film in limited release this week and his album due out April 23, the performer talked about his identity issues, his effort to stay positive and religion.

### Evolution — Snoop-style

**"To me, the Lion is the growth of Snoop Dogg — me growing into the next phase of my musical career."**

Snoop Lion  
On why he dropped the Dogg.

**What does Snoop Lion mean to you? In the movie we see Bunny Wailer give you the name because he said he didn't want to call you a dog. That was his take on it.**

I don't know what that take was because I'm going to always be Snoop Dogg. I can't throw that person away and get rid of him. To me, the Lion is the growth of Snoop Dogg — me growing into the next phase of my musical career, the next phase of my life.

**In interviews since the film was made, Bunny has been**

**skeptical of you. What's your take on his criticism?**

I've done nothing but what I said I was going to do: go to Jamaica, make a great record, intertwine with some people, build on some relationships and come back and bring something back to the community.

**What has been religion's place in your life up until now — and how does Rastafari fit in?**

As a kid, I was pushed into the Baptist church, taught that way. As an adult, I was able to seek out information on my own to find out that the Muslim religion, Rastafari, Baptist, Christian — that they all the same. They all God-fearing people and love is love. ... It's more based on life and a way of life and liberty as opposed to religion. Because religion is so false, because it's so past tense and written by someone who is not here.

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# The Big Bang's getting bigger

**Bazinga.**  
CBS show lands huge viewer numbers for last week's new episode

What a difference four years have made.

When the cast of The Big Bang Theory first appeared at PaleyFest in 2009, their sitcom wasn't even among the top 40 rated shows in the United States.

Last week's first-run Big Bang episode topped the list in viewers most coveted by advertisers — those aged 18 to 49 — and it was the

second most-watched show overall (behind NCIS) with more than 20 million viewers.

What made Bang so much bigger? Credit syndication. Reruns of the show have been almost impossible to avoid since local stations and cable network TBS debuted them in September 2011 —



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The Big Bang Theory star Jim Parsons arrives at the Paley Center for PaleyFest Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

introducing the series and hooking millions of viewers who didn't catch episodes the first times around on CBS.

"You're kind of forced to watch the show now," joked one of the show's stars Simon Helberg Wednesday night on the PaleyFest arrivals line.

From co-creators Chuck Lorre and Bill Prady (Dharma & Greg), The Big Bang Theory spins around two roommates, physicists Leonard Hofstadter (played by Johnny Galecki) and Sheldon Cooper (Jim Parsons), as well as their friends and colleagues, engineer Howard Wolowitz

## That's one theory

**"We're shoving it down people's throats, and they're learning that they love it."**

Simon Helberg, a.k.a. Howard Wolowitz on The Big Bang Theory

(Simon Helberg) and astrophysicist Raj Koothrappali (Kunal Nayyar).

Parsons may play a genius, but he's having a tough time getting his head around the show's current success.

"There's something impossible to fathom about

viewers and numbers and things like that," Parsons explained. "I can barely picture 20 people in one room. If you want to say 17 or 18 million — well, you've lost me."

The Big Bang cast and crew were careful to withhold any major upcoming plot developments, except for one, to be revealed in the first-run episode airing Thursday night: the discovery of a letter from Howard's long-lost father.

No other cast members or co-creator Lorre would go near discussions of the characters' futures.

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# Game of Thrones' tough newcomer



Actress Rose Leslie plays Ygritte on Game of Thrones. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Rose Leslie.** Scottish actress plays Ygritte on Season Three

She had no previous experience wielding weapons or marching through knee-deep snow across frigid glaciers, but 26-year-old Scottish actress

Rose Leslie said it felt pretty natural stepping into the role of Ygritte on Game of Thrones.

The cutthroat competition she's used to as an actress doesn't compare to the conniving backstabbing that's ever-present in George R. R. Martin's A Song of Ice and Fire fantasy books, which the show is based on, but Leslie nevertheless felt a kinship with her

tough-as-nails character.

"As a young actor kind of starting off in an industry that is so difficult and competitive, you've got to be strong, there's got to be an element of ambition there and you've got to be tough and determined in your own way," says Leslie.

She's played strong female characters before — she was the ambitious housemaid

Gwen Dawson in the first season of Downton Abbey, who was determined to rise above her station in life and become a secretary.

"What stuck with me with Ygritte was how phenomenally independent and fierce she is and she's a strong, determined young lady in control with every situation."

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## TV Picks



Kitchen Nightmares returns with a new episode Friday. HANDOUT

## Fieri swings by T.O., Ramsay rages in Seattle

Guy Fieri's popular travel show Diners, Drive-ins and Dives, visits Toronto for the first time Friday hitting up Hey Meatball, a popular eatery in Little Italy. (Food Network Canada). On the flipside Friday there's a new Kitchen Nightmares with Gordon Ramsay hoping to turn around a disappointing Greek restaurant in Seattle, which is being run into the ground by feuding family members. (Global)

## Nicole Kidman wins as Woolf

On Saturday, OVN is airing the 2002 drama The Hours, which earned Nicole Kidman a best-actress Oscar for her portrayal of writer Virginia Woolf. Meryl Streep and Julianne Moore co-star as two women whose lives are interconnected by Woolf's novel Mrs. Dalloway. (E)

## Saturday night's all right for digging

Savage Family Diggers follows a clan of relic hunters who go to great lengths to recover valuable items around the U.S. Patriarch Ric Savage is a former professional wrestler-turned-artifact recovery expert who finds treasures with his wife Rita and their sons Giuseppe and Nick. In Saturday's episode, they excavate a Second World War POW camp in Virginia Beach. (Spike)

## Holy Simpsons parody, Batman!

Sunday's new episode of The Simpsons, entitled Dark Knight Court, riffs on the Batman franchise. Mr. Burns wants to follow through on his dream of becoming a superhero, Fruit Bat Man. Janet Reno also lends her voice to the episode. (Global)

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# Tough times? Go zombie

**Undead trend.** Pop culture academic says in periods of upheaval, we turn to brain eaters to help express our dissatisfaction

Zombies seem to be everywhere these days.

In the popular TV series *The Walking Dead*, humans struggle to escape from a pack of zombies hungry for flesh. Prank alerts have warned of a zombie apocalypse on radio stations in a handful of American states. And across the country, zombie wannabes in tattered clothes occasionally fill local parks, gurgling moans of the

undead.

Are these just unhealthy obsessions with death and decay? To Clemson University professor Sarah Lauro, the phenomenon isn't harmful or a random fad, but part of a historical trend that mirrors a level of cultural dissatisfaction and economic upheaval.

Lauro, who teaches English at Clemson, studied zom-

bies while working on her doctoral degree at the University of California at Davis. Lauro said she keeps track of zombie movies, television shows and video games, but her research focuses primarily on the concept of the "zombie walk," a mass gathering of people who, dressed in the clothes and make-up of the undead, stagger



Zombie walks have been gaining popularity. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

about and dance.

The zombie mob originated in 2003 in Toronto, Lauro said, and popularity escalated dramatically in the United States in 2005, alongside a rise in dissatisfaction with the war in Iraq.

"It was a way that the population was getting to exercise that they felt like they hadn't been listened to by the Bush administration," Lauro said.

"Nobody really wanted that war, and yet we were going to war anyway."

The mid to late 2000s also saw an uptick in overall zombie popularity, perhaps prompted in part by the release of post-apocalyptic movies including *Dawn of the Dead* and *28 Days Later*.

As of last year, Lauro said, zombie walks had been documented in 20 countries. The largest gathering drew more than 4,000 participants at the New Jersey Zombie Walk in Asbury Park, N.J., in October 2010, according to Guinness World Records.

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## Zero Dark Knight 52. Batman's backstory gets more Bam! Pow! Zap!

Batman's transformative years are getting a few new twists.

DC Entertainment is going back into Bruce Wayne's past to see how he began his transformation from wealthy socialite to the scourge of Gotham's criminal underworld.

Key elements of the character's history are staying the same — the murder of Wayne's parents, for example — says Scott Snyder, the writer of *Batman* since its relaunch debuted in 2011.

Snyder said the decision grew out of the success of the first year-and-a-half of DC's *New 52*, a sweeping reorganization of the publisher's characters that saw many given new origins and costumes that blended those from their first appearances decades ago with contemporary changes.

Snyder said readers will see how the crime fighter found his calling and what challenges he faced when first donning the costume of the Dark Knight.

The augmented origin begins June in the pages of *Batman* in an 11-issue story called *The Zero Year* that is



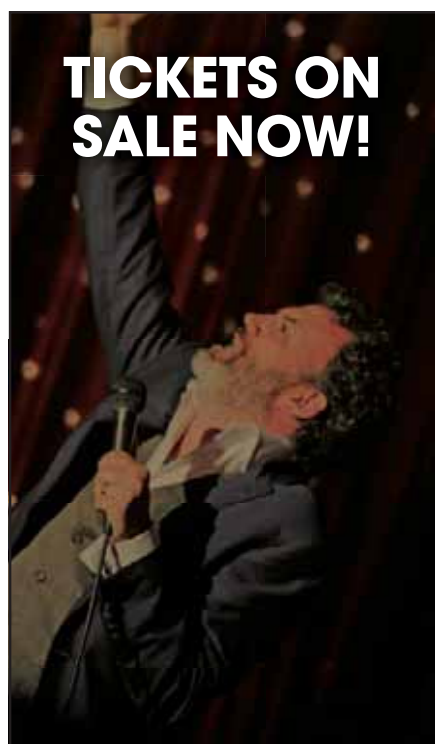
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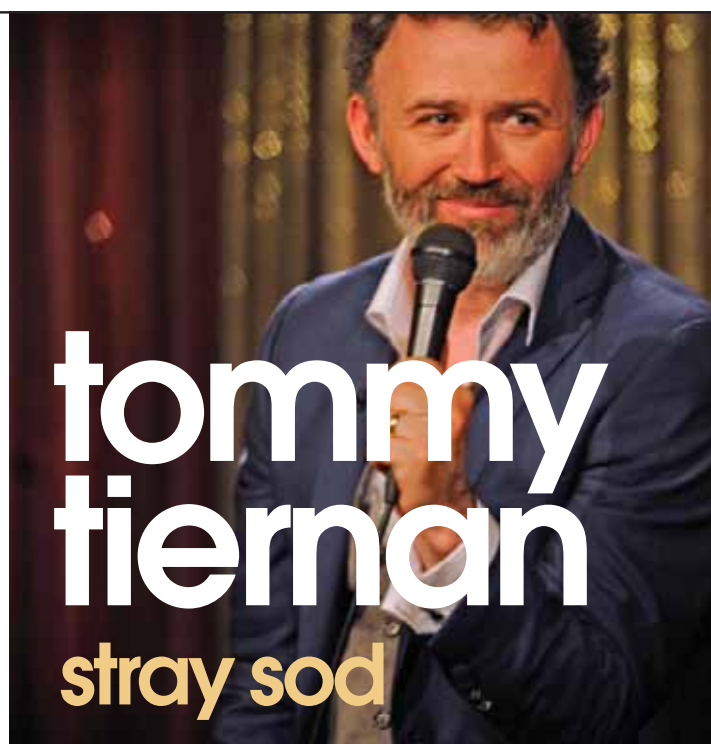
It's not so much an origin story as it is a view into Batman's formative years.

"We're not going to take apart 'Year One,'" Snyder said, referring to the Frank Miller-David Mazzucchelli four-issue arc that recounted how Wayne began to fight crime after years away.

"It's time for a new story showing how Batman became who he is in the *New 52*," said Snyder. "It builds up the mythology." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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## Paltrow struggling to get family on gluten-free diet

Gwyneth Paltrow is discovering that getting her family on a new low-carb, gluten-free diet isn't exactly a painless endeavor.

"Sometimes when my family is not eating pasta, bread or processed grains like white rice, we're left with that specific hunger that comes with avoiding carbs," she says in her new

cookbook.

But the pain is worth it, she insists.

"Every single nutritionist, doctor and health-conscious person I have ever come across ... seems to concur that (gluten) is tough on the system and many of us are at best intolerant of it and at worst allergic to it," she writes.



Geri Halliwell

## Geri Halliwell tries being one of the people

Terrible London traffic has driven Spice Girl Geri Halliwell underground, as the singer ventured onto public transportation for the first time in nearly two decades this week.

"Forgive me for being a brat," she tweeted about the experience.

"After 17 years and yesterday's two hours of traffic, let's save time and money — the tube!"

Halliwell also posted photos of herself on the platform and train.

Her final judgment on the experience?

"Not so bad!"

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## Miley's hard partying ways find her back on market?

The breakup rumours about Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth are reaching a fever pitch, with the New York Post claiming that the couple's engagement is officially off.

"Miley and Liam are done — it's over," a source tells the newspaper.

"She likes to party really

### Quote

"Miley and Liam are done — it's over"

Source  
Speaking to New York Post

hard and can be pretty wild. It became a problem for him."

But Cyrus is reportedly still holding out hope of a reconciliation.

"They do fight, but she is crazy about Liam," another source says, adding that Cyrus "isn't ready to accept it might be over for good."



Anna Kendrick

## Anna Kendrick ends her relationship

Anna Kendrick has reportedly ended her four-year relationship with her Scott Pilgrim vs. the World director Edgar Wright, according to Us Weekly.

"She's single," a source says. "It was done a little while ago."

In her new life as a single gal, Kendrick has been ruminating about what life would be like on reality TV.

"If I were a contestant on The Bachelor, I'd just end up falling in love with the weird sound guy and making things uncomfortable for everyone," she joked recently on Twitter.

"To all the people joking about becoming sound guys, you should also know they put mics in actresses' cleavage and packs on (their) inner thighs. Think about it."

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For a country not much larger than New Brunswick, Ireland sure has created an international reputation for itself. Whether music, literature, cuisine, bar culture and, of course, liquids, its fame is undeniable.

Though I'm only one quarter Irish, that part of me takes over as the hours grow closer to St. Patrick's Day. That means this weekend I'll be eating and drinking like a giant leprechaun. Irish stew is a personal favourite. And while a seductive pint of Guinness is a match made in heaven, you don't have to stick to the Emerald Isle when it comes to a beverage pairing.

Red wines like meat, with any medium-bodied version made from malbec making a tasty partner. On the white side, think sauvignon blanc or, if you want to get adventurous, a white grüner veltliner from Austria. A unique beer alternative with an Irish theme is Innis & Gunn Irish Whiskey

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# Hearty taste of Ireland

**Irish Lamb Stew.** The perfect balance of chewy dumplings and rich morsels of lamb, this dish is a great way to celebrate St. Paddy's

Who can resist a hearty stew with lamb, potatoes, sweet peas, carrots, onions, celery and rosemary, simmered in Kilkenny Irish Cream Ale and topped with homemade dumplings?

Be sure to double the recipe for this hearty Irish favourite as you will definitely want to enjoy leftovers after the St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

1. Heat oil in Dutch oven on medium high heat. Then

season lamb with salt and pepper. Add to Dutch oven and sear 3 mins. until brown on all sides. Add onions, carrots and celery. Sauté for 30 seconds. Add garlic and sauté for additional 30 seconds. Add beef stock and Kilkenny. Cover and simmer for 40 mins.

2. Add potatoes and simmer for another 20 minutes or until lamb is tender. When lamb is tender, add rosemary.

3. Meanwhile to make dumplings, in bowl place flour, baking powder and salt and mix together. Add milk and oil to dry ingredients. Mix until just combined. Using tablespoon, add to stew, 10 at a time. Cook for 10 to 12 minutes or until dumplings are cooked. Remove dumplings with a slotted spoon and place on pan

lined with parchment paper.

4. Add peas to stew and mix in. Cook for 5 minutes. Serve stew in large crock. Top each portion with 2 to 3 dumplings and sprinkle with chopped

parsley.

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- 1/2 tsp (2.5 ml) black pepper
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- 2 medium onions, diced in 1/2-inch pieces
- 3 medium carrots, diced into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 cup (225 ml) celery, diced into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped

- 5 cups (1.25 l) beef stock
- 2/3 cup (160 ml) Kilkenny beer
- 2 large Yukon Gold potatoes, diced into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 stalk rosemary
- 20 dumplings
- 1-1/2 cup (350 ml) peas
- Parsley, chopped for garnish

### Dumplings

- 1-1/4 cup (285 ml) flour
- 1 tsp (5 ml) baking powder
- 3/4 tsp (3.5 ml) salt
- 1-1/4 cup (285 ml) milk
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Ready for a great laugh? Hali-Wood Squares, taking place Saturday night at the Neptune Theatre's Scotiabank Studio, is, yes, based on that TV show but features our own hilarious, Hali-famous folks. Presented by Eastern Front Theatre, the fantastic line-up of celebrities include Picnicface's Bill Wood, CBC Radio personality Jackie Torrens, and in the coveted centre square will be none-other than local comedy icon Cathy Jones of 22 Minutes fame. Visit [easternfronttheatre.com](http://easternfronttheatre.com).



## On Display: Carol Mahtab (1935-2011)

Studio 21 Fine Arts is celebrating a collaborative exhibition in tandem with an Ontario-based gallery. Artist Carol Mahtab will be on display later in the month. Mahtab worked tirelessly at her art producing hundreds of artworks on canvas and paper. More than 36 of Mahtab's paintings will be on display and for sale in both galleries. Visit [studio21.ca](http://studio21.ca).



## Last Chance: The Glace Bay Miner's Museum

This weekend marks your last chance to see Wendy Lill's award-winning play at Neptune Theatre. Set against the darkness and disasters of the coalmines of 1940s Cape Breton, this vivid drama bears witness to the impact of the region's major industry, and its shocking conclusion leaves audiences gasping. Don't miss this remarkable Nova Scotia story that began as a Sheldon Currie novel and was later adapted into the 1996 film, Margaret's Museum. [neptunetheatre.com](http://neptunetheatre.com).



## On Stage: The Attack of Scientists of Sound

Rescheduled from February, Friday night's show at The Seahorse will certainly make up for it. Scientists of Sound are back in Halifax for an all-out assault of heavy beats, insane visuals, trippy lights, and a slew of brand new slamming originals! Featuring new addition Colin Crowell (Ruby Jean and the Thoughtful Bees), a new video and light show and much more. 12 bucks? Bargain.



## SOLD OUT: Randy Bachman

Friday night, Casino Nova Scotia welcoming Juno Award winner Randy Bachman for one night only. This rare and intimate setting will see Bachman weave together the iconic hits of the Guess Who and Bachman-Turner Overdrive with the often-humorous stories that brought the songs to life. Inspired by his award-winning radio program Vinyl Tap, Randy takes his master storytelling and voluminous musical knowledge on the road and takes fans on a retrospective of his career. Visit: [casinonovascotia.com](http://casinonovascotia.com).



## Live Animals: Living Under Fire

Our little museum has made quite a name for its self thanks to years of giving us a chance to learn about of natural habitats of our world's coolest creatures. Living Under Fire: Life in the Desert, is no exception. Working with "Little Ray" Goulet of Little Ray's Reptile Zoo, the exhibit includes 11 live animals including veiled chameleons, bearded dragons, and ball pythons. Come see what your snazzy looks like in the wild. [museum.gov.ns.ca](http://museum.gov.ns.ca).

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# Mooseheads still have plenty to play for: GM

**QMJHL.** Team wraps up regular season this weekend with 2 games



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Unlike most fans of the Halifax Mooseheads, the team's general manager has witnessed his players endure a gruelling regular-season schedule.

More than anything else, Cam Russell believes the Mooseheads' record-breaking season can be attributed to a lineup of players who possess one intangible talent in spades.

"We have an exceptional group of mentally tough players here," said Russell, a veteran of 10 NHL seasons. "They rarely look too far ahead, they play very hard every single night, and they're always focused on short-term goals."

Three weeks ago the Mooseheads surpassed the franchise's all-time single-season wins record (46) and now, with 56, they appear poised to tie the QMJHL record (58). They face the Saint John Sea Dogs and Cape Breton Screaming Eagles to end the regular season.

It's a motivating factor, he admits, but emphasizes if it happened it wouldn't be because his team approaches those games differently than it has all season.

"Everybody is still playing for something," Russell said. "Players are playing hard because they want to prove that they can play on a second or third line. Some players are playing for scoring titles. Everybody has something to



Jonathan Drouin is tied with Ben Duffy of the P.E.I. Rocket for most points heading into the final weekend of the regular season. JEFF HARPER/METRO

play hard for."

Russell is thrilled with the emergence of his 17-year-old sniper Jonathan Drouin, who sits tied with Lower Sackville's Ben Duffy of the Prince Edward Island Rocket for the QMJHL scoring lead. Both players have 104 points, but Drouin

has played in 19 fewer games.

"For us we're already proud of Jonathan and all of our players. The title would be a wonderful accomplishment, but the focus is about that one-game-at-a-time mindset that Jonathan and the team has been maintaining all season."

## This weekend

The Mooseheads host the Saint John Sea Dogs Friday at 7 p.m. and the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles Sunday at 2 p.m.

## Women's basketball

### Justine Colley captures CIS player of the year

Justine Colley can add one more feather to her cap — CIS women's basketball player of the year.

The Saint Mary's Huskies fourth-year guard became the first player from the AUS conference to receive the Nan Copp Award on Thursday night.

For the third straight season the East Preston native led the CIS in scoring with 28.2 points per game. She also led the country in steals (3.9 per game), guiding Saint Mary's to its first CIS women's basketball tournament in 35 years.

"Justine has had a tremendous, record-breaking season for the Huskies," head coach Scott Munro said in a release. "Scoring is only part of the package however, as she has an impact on the game every time she plays, in so many other areas."

Munro also won the CIS Peter Ennis Award for coach of the year.

Nationals begin Friday at the University of Regina, with No. 2 Saint Mary's facing Fraser Valley Cascades in quarter-final play at 11:30 p.m. ADT.

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# Leafs stretch losing streak to four at home

**NHL.** Toronto squanders late lead, surrenders three unanswered markers

Pascal Dupuis scored twice in the third period on Wednesday as the Pittsburgh Penguins stormed back to beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 3-1.

Marc-Andre Fleury made 28 saves for Pittsburgh (20-8-0), which defeated the Maple Leafs 5-4 in a dramatic shoot-out on the same ice five days earlier and has now won seven in a row.

Craig Adams added an empty-net goal with 10 seconds left in regulation for the Pens.

Tyler Bozak scored for Toronto (15-12-1), which has dropped four in a row. Ben Scrivens made 25 saves in taking the loss.

Tied 1-1 in the third, Chris Kunitz fed Dupuis in the slot and he wired a shot past Scrivens and into the top corner with 2:10 left in regulation.

Pittsburgh trailed 1-0 after two periods but tied it when Kunitz won a puck battle in the Toronto zone and found Sidney Crosby. The Penguins captain then fired a backhand no-look pass to Dupuis, who beat a helpless Scrivens at 12:42.

Leafs centre Leo Komarov



Mark Fraser skates away after forcing Sidney Crosby into a corner behind the Leafs' net during the game against Pittsburgh in Toronto on Thursday. The Penguins trailed 1-0 after two periods but stormed back to beat the Leafs 3-1. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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had a breakaway with just over three minutes to go in the third after Penguins defenceman Brooks Orpik had his stick shatter, but Fleury

made the save to keep the score tied.

Scrivens got the start ahead of James Reimer for Toronto, which had given up a combined 18 goals over its last four games (1-2-1) coming in.

Bozak opened the scoring in a game that desperately needed a goal at 10:01 of the second period. Phil Kessel brought the puck into the Penguins zone and delayed for a split second before finding a pinching Cody Franson, who in turn fed a wide-open Bozak

at the side of Fleury's net.

Bozak's seventh goal of the season was one of the few highlights on a night that offered the 19,561 on hand at Air Canada Centre lots of tight checking and little in the way of excitement.

The game was missing a level of creativity that could have been provided by injured Penguins superstar Evgeni Malkin, who missed his third straight game with an undisclosed injury.

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## Virtue-Moir trail U.S. rivals after short dance

Canadians Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir perform in the ice-dancing short dance on Thursday at the World Figure Skating Championships in London, Ont. The Olympic gold medalists scored 73.87 points but trail American rivals Meryl Davis and Charlie White by nearly four points heading into Saturday's free dance. JOHN MATISZ/METRO IN LONDON

Figure skating

## Osmond fourth after short program at worlds

Canadian Kaetlyn Osmond stepped onto the ice for what would be a memorable world championship debut.

The 17-year-old from Marystown, N.L., dazzled

the crowd on Thursday.

Osmond heads into Saturday's free skate within striking distance of a medal behind Olympic champion Kim Yu-Na of South Korea, who won the short program in her first major international appearance in two years. Defending world champion Carolina Kostner of Italy was second, while Japan's Kanako Murakami was third. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Diaz cranks up the 'craziness' upon arrival in Montreal for UFC 158

**MMA.** Welterweight challenger has GSP shaking his head as pre-fight presser gets weird

One day after missing a scheduled public workout ahead of UFC 158, Nick Diaz put on a show.

The often-sullen California welterweight showed off his chatty side at a news conference Thursday, wielding the microphone like a talk-show host. Diaz hogged the dais, throwing out comments and interjecting whether there was a question directed his way or not. It ranged from the poignant to the bizarre.

"(In terms of) craziness, that was a 10 out of 10," UFC president Dana White said afterward.

At times, Diaz's stream-of-consciousness monologues seemed to bewilder cham-

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"Are you crazy in your head, man? I'm not scared of you. You'll see Saturday if I'm scared of you."

Georges St-Pierre to Nick Diaz on Thursday in Montreal

pion Georges St-Pierre. Other times, a stone-faced GSP seemed antagonized and appalled.

"He's in a different place than he's ever been because he's really mad," White told reporters later.

Normally cool as a cucumber, St-Pierre (23-2) is jalapeno-hot going into Saturday's main event.

Diaz got GSP going after looking directly at the champ and castigating him for saying he reminded him of the bully who used to taunt the champion as a child.



UFC president Dana White stands between Georges St-Pierre, left, and Nick Diaz during a news conference on Thursday in Montreal. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"How many times have you had a gun to your head, Georges? How many times has

someone put a gun to your head? How many of your best friends been shot through the

chest with a .45? Or how many of your best friends (have) been stomped or put to sleep

into a coma?" said Diaz, who hails from the Stockton-Lodi area of California.

"We all had to deal with these things in life."

An incredulous St-Pierre looked like someone had just given him a fork and told him to eat a journalist in front of him.

"He told me a few days ago, 'I want to make sure when this is over he (Diaz) retires,'" White said after the news conference at the Bell Centre.

Diaz did apologize to the fans for skipping Wednesday's public workout, saying he had gotten in at midnight the night before and needed his sleep.

Diaz (27-8-1) has been suspended twice for testing positive for marijuana.

He was also dropped from a UFC 137 title fight with St-Pierre in October 2011 after failing to show up for news conferences in Toronto and Las Vegas. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## MLB. Blue Jays' offence almost too good for Johnson



Toronto Blue Jays starting pitcher Josh Johnson delivers against the New York Yankees during a spring-training game on Thursday in Dunedin, Fla.

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The Toronto Blue Jays quickly warmed up on an unusually chilly day in Dunedin, Fla.

Josh Johnson allowed one run over three innings. Maicer Izturis had five RBIs and the Blue Jays routed the New York Yankees 17-5 on Thursday.

Johnson, coming off a start last Friday in which he retired all 11 batters he faced, gave up two hits and struck out five.

The biggest challenge Johnson faced was sitting in the dugout for long stretches during a pair of big Toronto innings on a windy day with a

game-time temperature near 15 C.

"It's something, hopefully, I can get used to this year," Johnson said of the run support. "I don't think I ever really been through something like that. That was crazy, especially the first inning, come out and do that. It was awesome, but not fun at the time. You want to get out there and find that tempo."

Melky Cabrera drove in four runs for the Blue Jays, who led 15-1 after two innings.

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## NBA

### Duncan deals KO blow to Mavs

Tim Duncan had 28 points and 19 rebounds and the San Antonio Spurs escaped with a 92-91 win over Dallas on Thursday night, sweeping their season series with the Mavericks for the first time in 15 years.

Gary Neal added 16 points and Kawhi Leonard had 12 for San Antonio, which has the Western Conference's top record at 50-16.

Dirk Nowitzki had 21 points and 11 rebounds

for Dallas, which had a four-game winning streak snapped. Darren Collison added 12 points and O.J. Mayo, Mike James, Brandon Wright and Vince Carter had 10 points apiece.

San Antonio last swept Dallas during the regular season in 1998.

The Mavericks pulled within 92-91 on a 7-0 run capped by Nowitzki's fall-away jumper with 28.2 seconds left. After Manu Ginobili missed a jumper, Carter missed a long, fall-away 3 at the buzzer that would have won the game..

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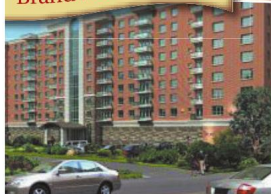


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### Aries

March 21 - April 20

Something you are told today may cause you to wonder if someone you thought was a friend is actually an enemy. Before you jump to conclusions make sure you have all the evidence.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Life can be easy or life can be hard – it all depends on the outlook you choose to adopt. Attitude is everything: the right attitude can make even the most difficult set of circumstances look easy.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may not know why you distrust a work colleague but you know better than to ignore your instincts. If you don't want to get involved in what they are suggesting it is your right to say "No" and walk away.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Wisdom is not a destination but a journey. With that thought in mind don't fall into the trap of thinking you know it all today. Keep an open mind and you might learn something that gives you an advantage.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Don't fight change today because it will lead to something better. Yes, in the short-term it may be painful, but in the long-term it will benefit you in numerous ways.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Is there something you can do to make a loved one feel better about a difficult situation? A few words of comfort could be all it takes to give them the strength to battle against the odds – and win.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Let the world know what you think today, even if you worry that it might provoke a negative reaction. The truth should never be hidden or denied, so speak your mind and ignore those who don't like it.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You can do your reputation a world of good today by passing up the chance to get even with someone who has let you down. They may deserve a slap on the wrist but they're not worth the effort.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Other people may not be as quick off the mark as you today but that does not mean they are stupid. On the contrary, by taking things slower they are less likely to make mistakes.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You are at odds with someone over a serious issue and before the day is over there will be some harsh words flying around. Clear the air by all means but avoid making hasty decisions. Cool down a bit first.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You must look brave on the outside even though you may be scared on the inside. Believe it or not you are close to making a success of something you thought was going to fail big time.

### Pisces

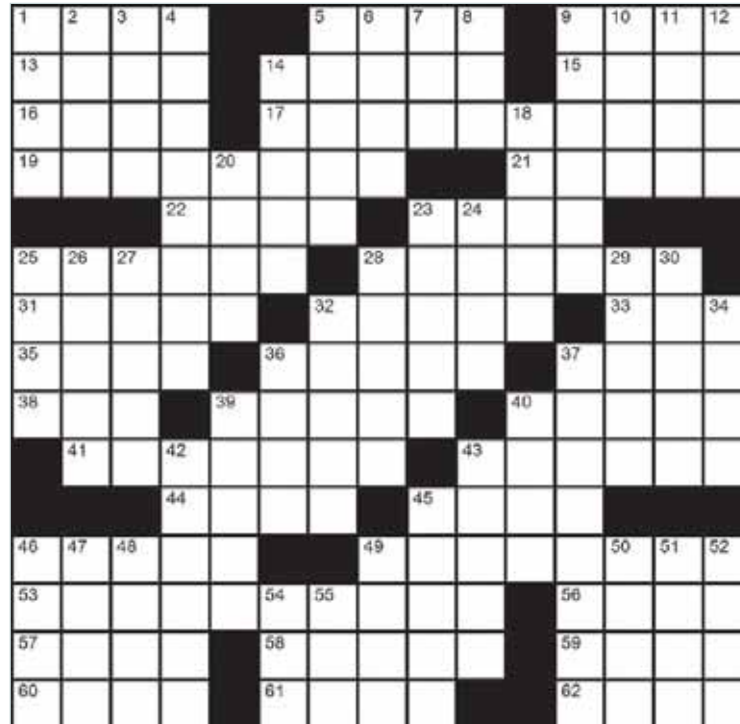
Feb. 20 - March 20

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## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

- The \_\_\_ of March
- Actor Mr. MacLachlan
- Place to skate
- Wood-for-furniture
- How canned seafood can be packed: 2 wds.
- Rhyme scheme
- Song in '65's "The Sound of Music": "Climb \_\_\_ Mountain"
- Klondike Gold Rush hub: 2 wds.
- \_\_\_-style bagels
- Theatre lane
- Horse coat style
- Actors Ed or Keenan
- Hamilton's football team, familiarly
- Canadian journalist Valerie; also one of a chip brand
- Island near the Statue of Liberty
- Like a leaf's pattern
- Meal morsel
- "The \_\_\_ King" (1994)
- Shopping places
- \_\_\_ butter (Beauty product ingredient)
- Washroom, for short
- Religious orders
- Sugar \_\_\_ (Sap-to-syrup spot)
- Juno-winning singer Ms. Cox
- Juno-winning singer, Keshia \_\_\_
- Jealousy
- Weaving machine



- The Phantom of the \_\_\_
- Toronto-born cartoonist Joe Shuster's co-creation
- Irish stage show that made Michael Flatley a star
- Dancer in "Return of the Jedi" (1983)
- Time: German

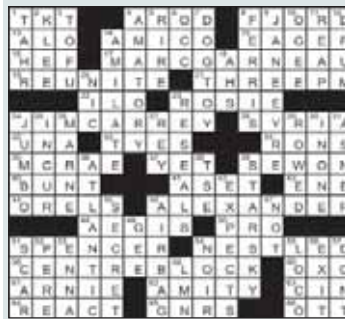
- Margaret Atwood novel, \_\_\_ Grace
- Ranks like Klinger's on "M\*A\*S\*H", for short
- Finds in mines
- Baseball gear
- Singer Alicia

- "Whip It" band with tiered hats
- Garner
- Mode of transport in Vancouver
- "Wavin' Flag" singer
- Bellow
- Fleur-de-\_\_\_ [var. sp.]
- "Strange Magic" gr.
- Motorsport activity

- Sacred \_\_\_ (Revered bird in ancient Egypt)
- 'N' in NHL, for short
- Showbiz star Danny
- Concepts
- "\_\_\_ McPhee" (2005)
- Turns to compost
- Legal documents
- Yangs counterparts
- "Live to \_\_\_" by Madonna
- Homer's epic poem
- Sort of spice
- City in Australia
- Actress Lindsay
- Put up a building
- Holiday, slang-style
- Choose
- "Jeopardy!" creator Mr. Griffin
- St. Patrick's Day symbol
- Submarine instrument
- It might be laced
- Artist-style hats
- Makes do
- Star Wars creator George
- Rice-shaped pasta
- \_\_\_ 1 Imports
- Songstress Ms. Sands
- Miffed state

- Sulk
- Friendly nation
- It's in northern BC, \_\_\_ River
- Lightly apply
- Wing-like part

## Yesterday's Crossword

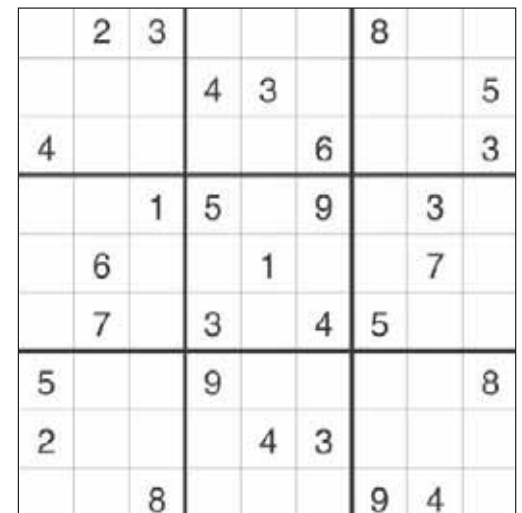


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### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku



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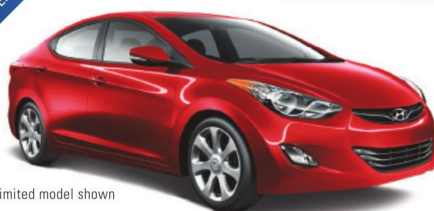
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